(d) and (e) During the year 1996-97 one scheme involving an amount of Rs. 38.43 lakhs was sanctioned. As on 31.3.97 the State of Assam is having a debit balance and it may not be possible to sanction any more scheme for the present.

Storage Capacity of Rivers

1853. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :
SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the storage capacity of the rivers in the country has been going down due to not undertaking their deepening work for the last so many years;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have assessed the storage capacity of the rivers and formulated any scheme to increase the storage capacity of the rivers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (d) Changes in the river storage (carrying) capacity is a natural morphological phenomenon. However, to reduce the silt runoff in the rivers, various measures such as afforestation, soil conservation and catchment area treatment etc. in various river valleys are taken up.

Vacancies

1854. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME :
SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR :
SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether many posts of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan are lying vacant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether examinations have not conducted for the above posts despite the fact that these posts had already been advertised in August-September, 1996; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) As on 1.4.96, 3720 posts of teachers of various categories were lying vacant in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. An advertisement was issued for filling up posts of teachers in June, 1996. On the basis of interviews, 2001 candidates have been selected for appointment to various categories of posts. Interviews for filling up about 500 vacancies of Trained Graduate Teachers are likely to be completed by September, 30, 1997. Recruitment process for 680 posts of Music Teachers , Drawing teachers, Socially Useful Productive Work (SUPW) teachers, Physical Education teachers and Librarians has also been initiated.

[Translation]

Renovation of Kota Airport

1855. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent on the renovation of Kota airport along with the items of work taken up during the last three years;

(b) whether private airlines were permitted to fly on Delhi-Jaipur-Kota air route;

(c) if so, the names of such companies, the period for which their aircraft operated on this route alongwith the reasons for discontinuing the above mentioned air services;

(d) whether the Government had entered into a contract with these airlines before introducing their services;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the amount received by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) The amount spent on the renovation of Kota Airport during last three years is Rs. 1.53 crores approximately.

(b) to (f) Airlines are free to operate their services to any airport in the country, subject to approval by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, fulfilment of the route dispersal guidelines and other relevant provisions of rules prescribed by the Government, and meeting the requirements of permits issued to them. Government does not enter into contract with airlines.

Reduction of Pay

1856. SHRI RAMMURTI SINGH VERMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been decided to reduce the pay of some of the historians in the Indian Council for Historical Research;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the guidelines of the Council in this regard;

(d) the total number of those historians in respect of whom this decision has been taken; and